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Santa arrives: When Santa Claus came to town Saturday, on one of the nicest days in memory for the great community parade, he brought Kennedy Millin along with him for the last stretch of the trip. Kennedy, a five-year-old St. Catharines girl, won the right to travel with jolly ol' St. Nick through a contest organized by the NOTL Christmas Parade committee. Her grandparents, Buddy and Ella Andres, donated some money to the parade on behalf of their four grandchildren, and were delighted that Kennedy, the youngest, was the one chosen to sit beside the guest of honour.

Olympic torch relay to pass through Sunday

BY PENNY COLES
NIAGARA ADVANCE

The Olympic torch relay travelling through Virgil this Sunday is creating some excitement, but nowhere more than at Virgil Public School, where a Grade 8 student has been selected to carry the flame.



Daniel Unger

Daniel Unger, 13, has been chosen by his school to take the torch 300 metres through Virgil, from the former Balance Fitness Studio on Niagara Stone Road to Line 1.

Unger was elected for the honour when Virgil principal Marian Reimer Friesen received a phone call "out of the blue" from a representative on the Vancouver Torch Relay committee telling her that the school had been chosen to nominate a student to carry the Olympic flame along a portion of Niagara Stone Road Sunday.

She was asked to select a student, not necessarily one who is the class president, the top of the class academically or one accustomed to being front and centre with accolades, but the kind of student who could be considered an "unsung hero," Friesen explained.

"They wanted someone who would best exemplify the Olympic spirit, someone who works hard to fulfill their potential, always doing their best. And we had 48 hours to come up with a name," she says.

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COMMUNITY

Community invited to cheer on torch bearers, including artist Trisha Romance

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Fortunately, she had a staff meeting planned for that evening—Nov. 24—and put the challenge to teachers to help nominate a student.

"It was a tough decision. We have so many awesome students at Virgil, and there were many whose names were mentioned," says Friesen.

"But there was one name that kept coming up, one student who always gives 110 per cent, one who isn't always in the spotlight but is very deserving, and that was Daniel."

It was in the end a unanimous decision, she said.

"He's a great student in that he never gives up. He tackles everything with perseverance. If something is tough he just keeps at it," says Friesen.

"Daniel's a risk taker. What ever you ask him to do, no matter how difficult it may seem, he says 'I'll try.'"

The next day Daniel's parents were notified—there were consent forms to be filled out—and his mother let him know what was in the works.

But it had to be kept quiet while Daniel and the school waited to hear from the relay committee that it was official, and that word came late last week.

Daniel says he was a little nervous until he knew

it was definite, but now that it's official—he's joggling suit and mittens have been delivered—he is very excited and pleased.

"I'm honoured to be picked by my school to carry the torch for the community," he said.

He has been receiving congratulations from students and staff, and the magnitude of his role in the relay was beginning to sink in early this week, especially when Friesen pointed out to him that what may seem like just 300 metres will be an historic moment that he will look back on for the rest of his life.

A school celebration will make sure Unger's role is commemorated,

with an assembly Friday and an opportunity for the student to carry a stand-in torch around the gymnasium, his fellow students, teachers and staff cheering him on.

Virgil's portion of the relay is scheduled to begin at 3:50 p.m., and Friesen is hoping Virgil families will turn out on Sunday, students in their green and gold, to support him as he jogs the 300 metres in his white suit and red mittens, flame held high with pride through Virgil on its way to Niagara-on-the-Lake, day 52 of the relay.

Phil and Shannon Leboude of Valu-mart in Virgil will be hosting a parking-lot party for those who want to watch the torch relay as it travels through Virgil.

"It's an important moment, a big deal for

Virgil," says Phil.

"Who knows when this will happen again, if ever. We hope people will come out and celebrate with us."

He will be offering refreshments to those who join him to watch the historic moment, he says.

The Olympic Flame

will begin its journey in Virgil at about 3:30 p.m., starting at Hillsbrand Estate Winery and proceeding along Niagara Stone Road to Mori Gardens.

It will resume at Jackson-Triggs Winery, where it is expected to be transported by Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs in a horse-drawn carriage donated by Sentinal Carriages.

The torch will then proceed along Niagara Stone Road to Queen Street.

Local torchbearers will join the procession as it winds through the Heritage District and stops at McFarland House. Renowned artist Trisha Romance is expecting to carry the torch 300 metres along the stretch of the Niagara River Parkway leading to McFarland House.

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Trisha Romance

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Daniel Unger, a Grade 8 Virgil student, will carry the torch 300 metres along Niagara Stone Road through Virgil Sunday.

NOTL torch relay begins at Hillebrand, ends in Queenston

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From there, the torch continues on to Queenston before moving to Niagara Falls, where a major celebration will be held in the evening.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Chamber of Commerce will host an Open House in the Market Room at the Court House from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Members of the public are invited to celebrate the Olympics, and learn more about the local Winterglow activities for January and February and warm up with some light refreshments.

Following is the Olympic Torch Relay route schedule for Sunday, Dec. 20 as released by the Town of NOTL:

3:34 p.m. Procession begins at Hillebrand Estates Winery and proceeds along Niagara Stone Road to Mori Gardens.

3:55 p.m. Arrives at Mori Gardens and continues along Niagara Stone Road.

3:58 p.m. Procession resumes at Jackson-Griggs Winery and proceeds down Niagara Stone Road towards Queen Street, possibly turning at Mary Street.

4:52 p.m. Arrives at Cenotaph Clock Tower and proceeds along Queen's Parade.

5:03 p.m. Arrives at Navy Hall and proceeds to McFarland House.

5:34 p.m. Relay resumes along Niagara Parkway at Line 8 and continues along Queenston Street.

5:42 p.m. Relay ends at Queenston and Clarence Streets.



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Parent pleads for progress with new elementary school

BY MATT DAY
NIAGARA ADVANCE

While Niagara District Secondary School has been getting most of the attention lately in regards to Niagara-on-the-Lake's school situation, parents of Col. John Butler Elementary School want councillors to know their children shouldn't be forgotten.

With a looming closure of the town's only high school seemingly around the corner, Christine Wormwell made a debut at Monday's council meeting explaining her thoughts on the elementary school's amalgamation with Virgil Public School.

The mother of two Butler students said she has seen many changes in the years she has been involved with the school, most notably a 43 per cent drop

in enrolment the last five years.

"This declining enrolment is not expected to stop," she said, explaining that the departure of another teacher would possibly mean triple split classes. "Visions of a 1900s one-room school-house come to mind—very far from the 21-classroom school that they could have today."

Her frustration over the predicament stems from construction delays of a new elementary school in Virgil while the town and the school board settle a disagreement over zoning with an Ontario Municipal Board hearing that is expected to begin in the new year.

The DSNB has been trying to get a new school built on the corner of Line 2 and Niagara Street Road, but council has been rejecting the idea—it doesn't fit into the Official Plan that designates

the property for residential development.

"In 2008, our Col. John Butler community was told that the school was going to close and that it would be twinned with Virgil Public School. I personally have come to accept the closure and am ready to move on," she said.

"The ARC (accommodation review committee) recommended that there be three neighbourhood schools and the twinned school would be within the Virgil boundary. I have personally accepted this location and am ready to move on. The Town decided to reject the ARC recommendation. I have accepted this decision and am ready to move on."

It's ready to move on, she asked councillors, "Why aren't you?"

She claims her children are being "forgotten or entangled in another agenda to which they really have no direct connection."

Wormwell said she met with Lord Mayor Gary Burroughs two months ago and he assured her no matter what the issues were with Niagara District Secondary School, the new elementary school would not be affected.

"It is now close to the end of December and we are still far ahead in digging the ground for the new school than we were two years ago. . . Butler children deserve the same time, passion and effort from council that has been given to children of other schools."

Councillor Andrea Kaiser later defended council's actions, saying their reasons for opposing the school board's zoning amendment application has nothing to do with the high school.

"It's an entirely separate issue," she said. "For me, it's a planning issue dealing with the long-term vision of the community. I don't know what the solution is, but I would like to know."

Burroughs said the appointment of a new DSNB chair and vice-chair after an trustee Liz Fulford has been elected chair and local trustee Lynn Campbell vice-chair—will be effective Jan. 1 and he is looking forward to having discussions with them.

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Community centre work begins

Although it may not look like there has been a lot of progress on the new community centre being built adjacent to the public library, director of parks and recreation Clive Buist insists progress is being made.

"The architects have analyzed the first series of [construction] bids and all things are going according to plan," he told councillors last week.

He said he expected that construction fences would be up soon, with machinery moving in to begin the physical work needed to have the new centre open and ready by March 2011—Cotton Construction arrived on site last Friday to begin fencing, locates and other preliminary site work and is preparing to install storm sewers, he said Tuesday.

But leading up to that, underground surveying was necessary to get everything ready for the big build.

Councillor Martin Mazza raised some concern about the multi-purpose banquet hall being proposed to take up the majority of the 28,000

square foot facility.

Mazza's issue comes with the looming closure of Niagara District Secondary School.

"If we lose that site, there will be a big void in the community for groups who play there," he said.

"We can't use arenas because they're too big and the elementary school gyms are too small."

Buist said the decision to build a multi-use auditorium/banquet hall has already been made and to add the requirements needed to adhere to volleyball or basketball leagues is not possible at this time.

Councillor Terry Flynn suggested that an easy solution to the gymnasium shortage would be the District School Board of Niagara agreeing to build a larger-sized gymnasium in the new elementary school slated to be built in Virgil for Butler and Virgil students.

Buist said the possibility of adding on to the community centre at some date in the future is not out of the question.



St. Davids and Laura Secord students, including Madison Kitchen, Madison Lepp and Bridget Dill-O'Leary, celebrate Christmas with an outdoor candlelight concert, the last to be held at the Queenston school, which will close at the end of this school year.

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The sun was shining, the streets were filled with excited children and the NOTL Christmas Parade was the best ever.

It is a great community event, from the local police who lead the way to our very favourite Santa who does such a great job of greeting all the boys and girls as he navigates his reindeer and sleigh along the streets of the Old Town.

To all the many volunteers, the service organizations, the schools, churches and businesses that contributed to make the 2009 NOTL Christmas Parade worthy of its reputation as the best community parade ever: Well done, once again, and thank you.

How can the parade committee put it next year? It's hard to imagine, but we have faith.

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NOTL is a warm, generous and caring community and everything that is best about the town becomes even more evident than ever as we approach the holiday.

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Tips to keep Christmas
tree fresh and safe

Fire Chief Ken Eden
FIRE SAFETY

Remember, a Christmas tree is a living thing, look after it carefully, as you would a cut flower. Follow these few suggestions to keep it fresh and safe until after Christmas.

1. Trees are thirsty. They may drink up to four litres of water per day, so be sure to check daily and supply fresh water as needed. A stand that holds at least four litres of water is recommended.

If you allow the water level to drop below the bottom of the tree, a seal will form just as it does on a cut flower and a new stem cut will be necessary.

Make a straight cut across the butt end of the tree about one inch from the end. This opens the tree stem so it can take up water.

2. Place your tree away from fireplaces, radiators, television sets and other sources of heat. Turn off the tree lights when you leave and before you retire at night.

3. Avoid the use of combustible decorations. Check all electric lights and connections. Do not use lights with worn or frayed cords and never use lighted candles on a Christmas tree.

Following these care and precaution measures should ensure an attractive tree that stays fresh indoors for two to three weeks.



Jody Keus and Victoria Gillett of NOTL Hydro collect food from parade-watchers at Saturday's NOTL Christmas Parade to donate to Newark Neighbours. The volunteers at Newark have provided assistance to more families and seniors this year than in recent years and thank all those individuals, churches, schools and organizations that have made it possible for them to help the needy of NOTL over the holidays.

Thanks to all who helped with holiday needs

Newark Neighbours
NEIGHBOURLY NEWS

Newark Neighbours has so many people to thank for their help with the holiday.

Thanks to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Horticultural Society for cash donations and for their food drive.

Vintage Inns collected food and toys at their staff party—thank you for your contribution.

Creekside Seniors Estate's Janice Durrant and Greta Howard, for toys; Bethany Mennonite

Church Sunday School for a truckload of toys and 900 pounds of food from their Boys Club—a really wonderful effort.

Cynthia Konopka, Wendy Franz and Helen Kopec performed in a Christmas Concert at St. Mark's Church in association with St. Mark's and St. Vincent de Paul parishes, and asked the audience members to donate food and clothes—thank you to all who participated.

Many thanks also to the Chamber of Commerce for food collected at the Candlelight Stroll.

The staff of By the Lake donated some lovely gifts and St. Michael School gave us warm hats, mittens and scarves.

As always St. David's Public School brought us a huge amount of toys, bought with the proceeds of Canadian Tire money collected by the students.

The Town of NOTL employees gave us fresh produce and extra food.

We would like to thank everyone who adopted families for their generosity and

kindness, and all who gave food, toys, gifts and cash.

Thanks also to Harvest Barn for their never-ending help all year and our very best wishes and thanks go out to John Wiens, who allows us to share a corner of the Riverbend Inn property.

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Why can't both boards work together to improve education for NOTL students?

Where has common sense and partnering with parents and community gone?

Niagara-on-the-Lake parents and community members should be outraged with what is happening with our elementary schools. It is troubling that the new policy for school boards that operate in Niagara-on-the-Lake (both public and catholic boards) is to ship Niagara-on-the-Lake children to Niagara Falls and St. Catharines to fill city schools.

St. Michael Elementary School is the only Catholic school in NOTL. Now, the senior staff and trustees of the Catholic board are considering moving their elementary school-aged children to unfamiliar environments in

Niagara Falls. We as a community already have sacrificed our secondary school to the cities of Niagara Falls and St. Catharines. Where will this end? It is clear the D&BN and the Catholic Board have something in common: they both want our children to fill city schools.

Parents who live and pay taxes to the Town of NOTL have services such as a hospital, a library, parks, pools, baseball diamonds and soccer fields. We have many things to offer as a community, but when it comes to education we sit by while school boards ship our children out of town.

Between these two school boards there are opportunities to work together to share facilities,

land and transportation. These two boards have already worked together in Niagara Falls and St. Catharines by sharing land and facilities. In addition, as of last year the Ministry of Education mandated both school boards to share facilities to educate our children.

The D&BN owns a huge parcel of land on Niagara Stone Road and East and West Line - roughly 26 acres. As taxpayers our property tax dollars pay for both boards to educate our children. What we should be demanding is this:

1) Why can't both boards work together in NOTL? Both boards are already working together on transportation directed from the Ministry of Education. Why

can't this co-operation also extend to facility use?

2) We have enough land currently zoned institutional available for either board to create an education center and share facilities in NOTL just as these two boards have done in the past in Niagara Falls and St. Catharines. Why can't such a joint use of land and facilities be considered here at elementary and secondary levels?

3) Our children live and grow in NOTL. Why are we letting these two boards tell us what to do? We are the taxpayers and we should be telling the school boards what to do. How did we let the school boards get so arrogant and wasteful with money

and resources?

All parents can reap the rewards of keeping our children in NOTL with all of the programming, all the sports and all of us working together so our children get the best education in our home town.

There are solutions in NOTL created by people who live in our town. We need to stand up for our rights. We deserve and demand proper educational facilities for our children in NOTL!

Please come forward and start demanding what we deserve. We have to stop begging school boards like we are kids.

Paulo Miele
NOTL

Council approved new elementary school on NDSS property in May, 2008

Re: Editor's Note from "Parliament Oak council clarifies issues in survey (Niagara Advance, Dec. 10)."

The Editor of the Niagara Advance needs to do some homework. An article in its own paper corroborates the facts from Parliament Oak Parent Council.

Just read the May 15, 2008 issue of the Niagara Advance and you will see an article writ-

ten by Penny Coles, "A contingent of Virgil parents and students demonstrated their enthusiasm for town council's decision to back a new elementary school on the high school property."

The article continues with the details of the motion being passed 7-2.

On May 12, NOTL Town Council minutes do in fact state that the motion which was passed seven to two was in

favour of what the council referred to as Option 2 which included the new elementary school on the NDSS site.

Don't remember what Option 2 was?

Here it is in the Town's newsletter 151 from May 6, 2008. "Option 2 supports a new high school on the NDSS site and a new elementary school on the NDSS site for Virgil/Col John Butler students."

Parliament Oak Parent Council has always maintained that a new elementary school on the NDSS site would infringe on the proposed boundary changes, not the current.

The St. Catharines Standard also printed the Parliament Oak Parent Council letter. It looks like they did their homework. A+

Daniel Feuer
NOTL

Editor's Note: Mr. Feuer and the Parliament Oak School Council co-chairs are correct: on May 12, the town council approved Option 2 of a previous corporate services report that suggested a new elementary school for Virgil and Col. John Butler students on the NDSS property.

The Advance apologizes for the error and any confusion it may have caused.

Some small recycling changes to consider as we begin a new year



Kathy Bradley
ENVIRONMENTALLY
CONSCIOUS

We all make choices in life some good and some not so good. That is what learning from experience is all about.

Here are some choices you might want to consider.

Purchase milk and juice cartons with the fold back openings. They can be recycled.

Containers with plastic caps go directly to garbage because there are two types of recyclables in the container. To recycle one must cut the plastic out.

Stop buying large containers with the recycled symbol seven. They go straight to landfill.

Buy local. Less transportation costs. Canadian standards are far different from other countries. Keep our farmers in their fields.

We all have our own little idiosyncrasies. It is having breakfast at one of our local restaurants.

I picked up the creamer thinking what a waste, these are the best recycled. Then I started thinking about the space taken up when disposed. That is when I started insuring creamers inside each other.

Common everyday items have a secondary uses.

A friend out ours collects her leaves in brown bags. Someone picks up these leaves, dumps them in their compost pile and returns the bags for refilling. How many us do this?

Our lawn maintenance fellow delivers our leaves and grass clippings to someone for their composting.

A friend faithfully saves his empty coffee cans for us. It is probably wishful thinking to ask for a bag of coffee beans to be delivered in them too.

The most comments I received were about dryer sheets.

A friend of mine has a business where people have sensitivities to scents and perfumes. She puts a little vinegar on a face cloth and throws it into the dryer to cut down static.

My niece's Natura

sleeve is still going strong after four years. That is amazing considering there are two small children in the household.

For those of you who think, "Who cares about one dryer sheet?" That one dryer sheet exemplifies a theory.

One small change in what we do can lead to a more environmentally friendly future. Changing the way we think is the important message.

Here are some ways I have put my 4 R's to work.

Rethink - I wash my hair every other day instead of daily. Saves water and water going down the drain. A little bit of money is saved too.

Reuse - For years I have kept glass jars for storing food products. The way we good seals therefore there is less food wasted.

Recycle - I try to put

recyclables in the proper grey, blue and green bins. It reduces cost to the waste management system. When not sure I check the website for the Region.

Reduce - Wanting something is far different from needing something. I curbed my shopping habits.

I love learning. Through writing this column I am constantly learning.

Thank you for the many kind and generous comments of support. Your suggestions are always welcome.

I am very supportive of recycling but there is one thing I will not recycle. That is my husband. For that, most days, he is grateful.

Kathy's tip of the week: Have a safe, happy and environmentally conscious holiday season.

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COMMUNITY

Open house sheds more light on new hospital

BY PENNY COLES
NIAGARA ADVANCE

Gloria Kain jokes that she had better than 20/20 vision when the planning for the new hospital in St. Catharines began.

More than 1,000 drawings later, she is wearing glasses, but the design of the hospital is complete and work has begun on the next level, the details of construction.

Kain, the chief planning and development officer for the Niagara Health System, was at the Pillar and Post in Niagara-on-the-Lake Monday with up-to-date information about the project, the improved access to health care it will provide residents and the need for community donations to equip the hospital.

It has been designed as a state-of-the-art facility, and will include a cancer treatment centre.

But although there will be a wish list for state-of-the-art equipment, the extent to which those wishes can be fulfilled will depend on the success of local

fundraising campaigns, she says.

The hospital will include several firsts for the region: the cancer centre, radiation treatment rooms, the cardiac catheter lab and a full spectrum of mental health services under one roof.

Members of the public can now view construction of the new health-care complex from their computers, thanks to the installation of four web cameras at the construction site, said Kain.

The most noticeable additions to the site are the five huge cranes that dominate the St. Catharines skyline, and as you get closer to the site, the concrete floor slab for the cancer centre, which was poured last month.

But there are aerial views available monthly to watch construction on 32 acres in west St. Catharines, which will include a 375-bed replacement facility for the aging St. Catharines General and Ontario Street sites of the NHS.

Residents at Monday's meeting were interested in what will happen to those two sites, says Kain.

The Ontario Street property will be the location of residential townhomes similar to what is already under construction across the street, while a request for proposals to reclaim and develop the current St. Catharines General site will go out in the spring.

The new facility is expected to be completed by November 2012, says Kain, but the "lights out and move-in day for patients" will occur early in 2013.

The NOTL Hospital will continue to provide an essential service with its primary care physicians, lab and x-ray services, physiotherapy, complex continuing care and acute care beds.

Will the beds, and the equipment at the new facility, all be brand-spanking new?

"That very much depends on how much money is raised. The success we have at meeting and exceeding our targets will determine how much is new," said Kain.

The province pays for the facility, she says, the community pays



Ken Slingerland (second from left) hands over a cheque from the NOTL Kinsmen to the NOTL fundraising campaign team for the new St. Catharines Hospital, which will serve NOTL residents. Gladly accepting the donation at Monday's open house at the Pillar and Post are Jim Garrett, Doug Herndor and Donna Scott.

for what's in it.

"This is a big facility, with a lot of departments and a lot of new programs. We'll have to prioritize

what we can purchase. We'll look at what we would like to do... and then we'll have to look at what we can afford."



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Thursday December 24	FREE Public Skating	Courtesy of Tim Hortons
Friday December 25 CLOSED		
Saturday December 26	FREE Public Skating	Courtesy of Tim Hortons
Sunday December 27 - Tuesday December 29	Minor Hockey Tournament - Both Arenas	
Wednesday December 30	Regular Public Skating	Regular Admission Applies
Thursday December 31	FREE Public Skating	Courtesy of Meridian Credit Union
Friday January 1, 2010 CLOSED		
Saturday January 2	FREE Public Skating	Courtesy of Meridian Credit Union
Sunday January 3	FREE Public Skating	Courtesy of Meridian Credit Union

Regular Public Skating Schedule with Admission

resumes Saturday January 9, 2009 and continues every Saturday and Sunday
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM thereafter.

2009 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Administration and Public Works Office Hours:

December 24 - Offices close at 12 noon

December 25 - Offices closed

December 28 - January 1 - Offices closed

January 4 - All Town Offices open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you have a Public Works inquiry, please call 905-468-3278 during this time.

For the holiday skating schedule, please call the Arena at 905-468-4261 or visit our website at www.notl.org. Schedules can also be picked up at the Parks and Recreation Office, 1565 Four Mile Creek Road.

Holly Dowd, Town Clerk

December 17, 2009

APPROVED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

Council approved a 2010 Town Council schedule which will continue on the three-week rotation for Committee of the Whole and Council meetings.

The next scheduled meeting is Committee of the Whole on January 4, followed by Council on January 11. Please see the calendar on the Town's website (www.notl.org) for more details.

Holly Dowd, Town Clerk

December 17, 2009



Santa pays a visit to patients at the NOTL Hospital and stops to deliver an early Christmas present to Joanne Pospiech, mother of NOTL Christmas Parade chairman Bruce Pospiech.



2009 Niagara-on-the-Lake Christmas Parade CATEGORY FINALISTS

*The following entrants were finalists in the
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- 2nd Drumming Pools

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Recreation & Sport

- 1st Niagara-on-the-Lake Skating Club
- 2nd Niagara-on-the-Lake Sailing Club

Service Clubs

- 1st Niagara-on-the-Lake Kinsmen
- 2nd St. David's Lions Club

Schools

- 1st Niagara District Secondary School
- 2nd Brock University

Bands

- 1st MM Robinson Drumline
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NEWS

Councillors forewarned of increased user fees

BY MATT DAY
NIAGARA ADVANCE

In order to give taxpayers a break in 2010, councillors are looking at ways to cover rising costs in the forecasted operating budget.

One of the ways to alleviate rising tax rates is to increase user fees, something council is considering doing.

The fee increases for the most part are minimal—such as a \$5 average increase in ice-time rental fees at the arena.

It's the ones that are seeing an increase of more than 25 per cent that worries Lord Mayor Gary

Burroughs. "It's a big hit to our taxpayers, especially in these tough economic times," said

Burroughs at last week's committee of the whole meeting.

"Of course we have to increase rates. I just wish we had done so in prior times so we wouldn't be in this mess we are in."

The Town is facing an increase in expenditures not seen in previous years due to different projects and the fall of the economy.

"I can appreciate what the director has to do to cover the increased costs and he must be vigilant in increasing user fees rather than putting it on the backs of taxpayers."

NOTL residents are already facing a tax increase for the new year and Burroughs said to add more would just "rock the boat."

Scott Tipping, director of corporate services, said the

increases are a balancing act with each director of the town departments addressing their own issues on a case by case basis.

"We have increases. Some are controllable and some are not."

The rates that will increase for user groups include rentals for the court house, ball diamonds, pools, soccer fields and community centre—all rising by about five per cent.

Water and wastewater rates will see small increases, but mostly in the installation sections.

The 2010 proposed planning application fees are looking at an average 12 per cent increase.

Tipping stressed the increase in rates are minimal and most residents will not be affected in a major way.

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NEWS

Councillors, Prideaux Street residents debate curbs versus heritage

BY MATT DAY
NIAGARA ADVANCE

Some residents on Prideaux Street are ready for a change—the question facing council is whether it's a majority.

The historic street in the Old Town is in need of repairs and upgrading, but some residents are hoping for a simple solution to keep tourists and residents from parking on the boulevards.

Prideaux Street resident Keith Stuart took it upon

himself to conduct a survey on what homeowners on the street would like to see changed as construction is being scheduled within the new year.

Councillors have discussed different options regarding underground wiring, street lamp styles and curb and gutter treatments.

The town is planning to spend more than \$1 million for the project that includes road reconstruction, water-main and sanitary sewer replacement and storm

sewer installation.

Stuart said he would love to see his street revamped, including curbs to help keep motorists from parking on lawns.

The problem with curbs is they don't fall within the Town's vision of maintaining a historic look to the street.

"People are tired of drivers coming up off the street and turning our boulevards into mud," said Stuart.

"A curb would certainly help us with that in keeping the grass neat."

Stuart said he surveyed 29 people, with 26 agreeing to the need for curbs.

Long-time Prideaux Street resident Al Derbyshire also spoke about the subject, saying parking became an issue decades ago.

"If it was a problem then, imagine how much more severe it has become since that time," said Derbyshire.

"Some people object to (curbs) for heritage reasons as everyone in this town is heritage conscious.

However this is not a heritage problem, it's a parking problem."

Prideaux is one of the only streets in the neighbourhood without curbs.

Although the survey is informal, councillors are taking into consideration the wants of the residents.

Jim Collard said council is caught at an intersection between old and new policies, and the decision is ultimately up to them.

"This is a pretty important street and we are spending a lot of money on

it," he said. "If we do in fact give ourselves some time with this and give the people what they want it will be better for heritage in Niagara-on-the-Lake."

Councillors decided to delay the construction until all residents on the street are polled about their opinion and all viable options are investigated.

Stuart said he would be happy waiting a year to co-operate with financial considerations, as long as the improvements are approved.

Residents of Niagara-on-the-Lake Do You Know ...

The architectural model of our new hospital and Walker Family Cancer Centre is on display at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Town Hall for the month of December.



Gloria Keir (far left), Niagara Health System Chief Planning & Development Officer, discusses the architectural model of our new hospital and Walker Family Cancer Centre with some key members of her team, (from left to right) Marilyn Bellows - Clinical Project Manager, Maria Vuono - Coordinator of Development of Clinical Planning, and Don Gordon - Senior Project Manager.

Plenary Health (Niagara) has been chosen to build our new hospital and cancer centre. Plenary Health Niagara is a partnership between Plenary Group and Borealis Infrastructure.

Plenary Health Niagara's team includes PCL Constructors Canada Inc., B+H Architects, Silver Thomas Hanley Architects, and Johnson Controls.

Construction of our new hospital and cancer centre will be completed by the end of 2012, which means it will open its doors to patients in early 2013.

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We hope that this December, many Niagara-on-the-Lake residents will choose to make a donation to their new hospital and cancer centre, now under construction at Fourth Avenue and First Street in St. Catharines.

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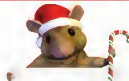
Naming Opportunities are available for gifts of \$25,000 and more --all the way up to \$15-million to name the new hospital!

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Wishes of happiness and health for the holidays and the coming year from the Niagara-on-the-Lake Campaign Team!

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COMMUNITY

Local dental hygienist garners national attention

BY PENNY COLES
NIAGARA ADVANCE

Amie Banting, a Virgil dental hygienist, recently made the cover of the national scientific journal aimed at her peers.

Banting is one of few independent dental hygienists in the country, and was one of the first when she opened her practice in St. Davids two years ago.

She has since relocated to Virgil and has built up a good client base, she says.

Most people, she explained, only have their teeth cleaned once a year in conjunction with visits to the dentist, but many insurance plans will pay for a cleaning every six to nine months. It takes less time if teeth are cleaned

more frequently and leads to fewer dental problems, but as important, plaque has been linked to diabetes, heart disease, stroke and premature births, says Banting.

"We're working on the prevention of dental and other health problems by having teeth cleaned more regularly," she says.

If there is a problem that requires a dentist, she will complete an assessment and send a referral to the dentist or specialist, she says.

Although Banting is featured on the cover of the Canadian Journal of Dental Hygiene, the information about her inside is "just a little blurb" about her independent practice, she says, to encourage more hygienists to work

independently.

Since the journal's distribution, she has had "tonnes of emails" from others who want more information and advice on how to go about setting up their own practice, and Banting is in the process of putting together a manual for that purpose—how to incorporate, how to get insurance, how to know what kind of space is needed, etc.

Published in 1966, the CJDH is a peer-reviewed journal published six times a year.

This picture of Amie Banting working on patient John Ellis appeared on the cover of the fall national journal for dental hygienists.



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Parliament Oak kids enjoy Hat Day, Twin Day and Christmas concert

Last week we had a Christmas Concert. The Grade 1/2 class performed *The Reindeer Boogie*.

Tiana Dominick played a doll in *The Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy*.

On Hat Day Tuesday we wore funny hats like a wig—that's a hat, right? We love hat day. We had to donate a toonie to wear a hat. We give the toonie to needy children.

On Twin Day we picked a friend and dressed the same. We called each other and said, "What are you going to wear?"

Some people wore the same clothes, and some people had the same hair.

Our class is having a Math Fair. The Grade 1/2's are showing the JK/SKs some fun math games. They will be having some fun in our class.

We also made cupcakes. We really wanted to see how we could make our writing better so we decided on cupcakes that were levels 1,2,3 and 4. Then we made real cupcakes which were a level 4.

Our school is helping World Vision by buying an animal or something to help people across the world. Each class is raising money. We are earning

money by doing chores at home and having an art sale.

Happy holidays from Parliament Oak.

Written by Grade 2 students Keona Abraham, Olivia Krieger and Sadie Williams.

Parliament Oak's Tiana Dominick plays a doll in *The Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy*.



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Back to 80s almost sold out, NDSS parade float takes 1st place



Sarah Battersby
NDSS NEWS

Our major production of Back to the 80s was hugely popular and all tickets for all performances have been sold out.

The only way to see the final performance tonight is to take a chance on getting in by paying at the door and sitting in compromised seating.

The creative hard work of the students and teachers is apparent as soon as you enter the gymnasium. It has been transformed into a colourful, cheerful scene appropriate for the variety of music and dance numbers the talented cast energetically performs. The lighting has a professional touch to it and accentuates the dancing and music beautifully. The performers do more than just bring the simple plot to life; they energize it, and time and time again they have the entire place rocking.

Directed by Miss Wyld, with music

under the direction of Mrs. Hutchison, the cast has thrilled audiences with numbers like Man in the Mirror, Footloose and Love Shack. Led by the strong voice of Jake Forrer and the lively and talented Taylor Poulin, Nigel Inmco and Asher Maier, the troupe sings and dances its way through those memorable hits of the 80's.

Ms. Black's stage design class has created a brilliant set and also designed the striking costumes (remember log warners and big hair?). To say this was a spirited performance is to understate the vitality and talent that keeps the audience entirely engaged and entertained. Congratulations to everyone involved for an excellent show.

Our sports news was dominated by our boy's hockey team winning the Eden invitational 3-on-3 tournament.

The Trojans beat Governor Simcoe in the semi finals and dominated one of the Eden teams in the final. Outstanding players included Shaun Merza, Billy Saxton, Reid Watson, Dan DeBon, Jack Bowron, Connor Craig and Ryan Wagner.



The NDSS Olympic-themed float won first place in the schools category of the 2009 NOTL Christmas Parade.

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Our swim team did well at the zone meet. Top swimmers who move on to the next level of competition are Kathryn Kaple, Katie Mines, Alex Morrison, Brittany Davies and Larissa Stemmler.

Our senior girls volleyball team remains undefeated in league play and had a strong showing in the Eden tournament.

Student
Council did a great job of organizing our float entry for the Santa Claus Parade, thanks to the musicians and dancers and all the supporters who decorated and walked in the parade.

The Council followed that successful event with Spirit Week. Each day was assigned a special wardrobe, so hats, ugly sweaters, sports jerseys, and 80's themed apparel were cheerfully displayed.

The teachers will add to the Christmas Spirit by treating all the students to a pancake breakfast on Friday morning.



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SCHOOLS

Addition, renovations to St. Davids coming along

The month of December has been getting crazier with every passing day while St. Davids gets ready for Christmas.

We have just finished our Canadian Tire Drive. Our student council members went shopping at Canadian Tire, and bought \$1,000 worth of toys for Newark Neighbours. St. Davids has exceeded our goal by over \$150, so thank you to our school community. This was our greatest total ever.

Our school also participated in the Christmas Parade in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Everyone worked really hard to complete our float with the theme

Christmas Under Construction. It was a great success with the amount of participation, especially with the making of the float and banners.

Tuesday evening our school had our annual Christmas Concert. All of our students from Kindergarten to Grade eight came together to perform the last Christmas Concert held at Laura Secord. The Christmas Concert was outside and looked beautiful with the decorations. Everybody worked very hard for the last couple of weeks to put on a memorable performance. A special thanks to

Miss Berti and Mrs. King for conducting us, and taking the time to make sure that we sounded great.

Another quick update about our newly renovated library and computer lab: the library is now up and running with great new technology like a smart board, as well as many new items that will be coming soon. More books have been added and comfortable furniture to make reading more enjoyable.

The addition to the school is closing closer to finishing. The roof has been added and 90 per cent of the windows and doors are in. The students and teachers are

excited and are hoping that the addition will be done soon, as they continue working on the inside.

Skating was this week and students enjoyed getting the morning off school. Cookies and hot chocolate were available to the students to make the morning even more fun. The students were surprised as Santa made a guest appearance.

Grab your skates and get them sharpened because skating is also on Feb. 17. A special thanks to parents and student helpers for making the delicious Christmas cookies.

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Teacher Ken Lamb, with student council reps, hand over \$1,000 worth of toys bought with Canadian Tire money collected by St. Davids and Laura Secord students. Volunteers Michel Lapointe and Bonnie Turner accepted the toys for Newark Neighbours.

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The St. David's and Laura Secord float, with a construction theme to represent the addition and renovations at St. David's to accommodate Laura Secord students, won first place in the elementary school category.

School's decorated for holiday

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The past week was spent on Christmas decorating. The classrooms are looking great with Christmas trees and Santas on the doors.

The Grade 7 and Grade 8 Science Fair was a big success.

Stay tuned for Laura Secord celebration information coming in the New Year. We are celebrating 96 years of Laura Secord School. It will be held on Sunday, May 16. If interested in helping please contact St. David's at 905-262-4333 or Laura Secord at 905-262-4202.

Merry Christmas to all, and a Happy New Year. Have a safe and happy holiday.

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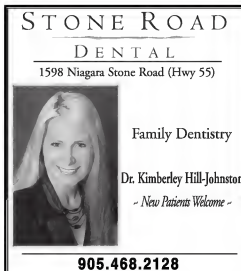
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OBITUARY

Beloved actress, community member mourned

Shaw Festival actress and Niagara-on-the-Lake resident Goldie Semple, died peacefully last Wednesday morning, Dec. 9, at her home after a courageous battle with cancer.

She leaves behind her husband of 33 years, Lorne Kennedy, and their 14 year old daughter, Madeline.

"The loss of Goldie is inestimable — for both the Shaw Festival and the Niagara theatre community of which she was such a celebrated and beloved member," said Shaw Artistic Director Jackie Maxwell.

"We are determined, however, to celebrate this extraordinary actress and woman of the theatre who combined an unequalled grace, beauty and elegance with a deep passion and, so delightful when you got to know her, a surprisingly wicked sense of humour and ultimate pragmatism.

We celebrate her as a great actress, mentor, teacher, company member, friend and supporter to so many of us."

Ms. Semple was a member of The Shaw ensemble for 17 seasons. Her love of theatre was evident on and off the stage. From her outrageous comedic turn in last season's production of Brief Encounters to her deeply moving portrayal as Desirée in the 2008 production of A Little Night Music, her extraordinary range as an actor thrilled audiences time and again. Among her many acting credits at The Shaw, she will be remembered for her heartbreaking performance in the 2001 production of Picnic and her brilliance in Coward's Easy Virtue.

Her work behind the scenes as a teacher and mentor touched the lives of many aspiring drama students who took part in a special summer intensive course for Queen's University, which she taught annually at The Shaw.

She also taught at a number of other Canadian academic institutions as well as New York University in the US.

Ms. Semple was co-founder of the Stratford-based theatre company Footlock and also compiled and performed programs of poetry and music for the Niagara Historical Museum.

A celebrated performer across the country, Ms. Semple has graced the stages of the Canadian Stage Company and Tarragon Theatre in Toronto, the Vancouver Playhouse, Alberta Theatre Projects, and the Manitoba Theatre Centre.

She appeared for many years on stage at the Stratford Shakespeare Festival in such leading roles as Hermione in The



Goldie Semple was beautiful, energetic and outrageously funny in life. Encounters last season, despite her failing health.

Winter's Tale, Kate in Taming of the Shrew, Cleopatra in Antony and Cleopatra and Constance in King John.

Details of a memorial service are yet to be determined and will be announced at a later date.

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The Cashins couldn't be happier with the latest addition to their family—he has quickly become a loyal and loving pet who seems like he has lived with them forever. But he does need some training to teach him to come when called, and to help him walk on a leash, the Cashins said.

McNab, the owner of Niagara-on-the-Lake's new pet boutique, says he wants to help the Cashins help Charlie, and has arranged for 10 free classes with Dave McManon's Dog Training Academy, one of the best in Canada. He is also donating some grooming equipment to help with Charlie's shedding, he said.

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Gina Ballante, with her Pomapoo Cooper, visits Casey McNab at Mutts and Fruts in Virgil. NOTL residents love their pets, and treat them well, from healthy food to safe play toys, says McNab.

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SPORTS

Bush hat trick aids in 6-5 win over Thorold

In Niagara-on-the-Lake Minor Hockey house league action, the NOTL Rotary athletes played two games last weekend, winning one and losing one.

On Saturday they came back from a 3-1 deficit, scoring five goals in the third period to collect a 6 to 5 victory over Thorold. Goal scorers were Josh Bush with three and Haiden O'Toole and Max Brant with one each. Assist came from Curtis Mitchell with two, Ross Sanders, Gabe Murray and Max Roberts Ramos with one each.

Sunday the team played Dunnville, and with only six players, NOTL put out an outstanding effort but went down to defeat 7 to 1.

O'Toole scored the lone Niagara goal.

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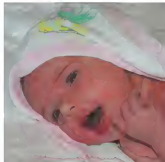
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Births



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Birthday greetings



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Anniversaries



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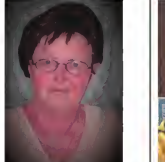
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VAN DE LAAR, Donna Marie (nee Hindle) - On Tuesday December 8th, 2009, Donna passed away peacefully, with her loving family at her side, after a long and courageous battle with cancer at the age of 70. Beloved husband and best friend of Ted for 46 years, devoted and loving mother of Katherine (Walter) Galo, Garry (Tracy), Kevin (Claudia), Colleen Rankin, and Amy (Sean) Denny. Cherished One of Ryan, Danielle, Haley, Emily, Matthew, Diego, Jesse, Lucas, Rhianon and Connor. Loving and caring sister, Dolores (Jim) Derbyshire. Survived by her mother Frances, her sisters, Darlene, Dorraine and brother Dennis. Dear sister-in-law of Frank (Mary), Harry (Wille), Mary and the late John, Bill (Margot), and Peter (Cathy). Donna will be missed and loved by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A special thank you to Dr. Giesbrecht, Dr. Adams and all the caring staff of St. Catharines General Hospital, Palliative Care Unit and also a heartfelt thank you to Paramed nurse, Irene. Donna was resting at the **MORGAN FUNERAL HOME**, 415 Regent St., where her family received friends on Thursday evening from 7-9 and Friday from 2-4 and 7-9. Vigil was held at the funeral home on Friday afternoon at 3:00. Funeral mass was celebrated at St. Vincent de Paul Church, on Saturday morning at 8:30, rite of committal to follow at Niagara Lakeshore Cemetery. In memory of Donna, those who wish may make a memorial donation to the Canadian Cancer Society or to the Palliative Care Unit of SGCH. 11/26/09

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The girls first shut out

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against Kingston, with goals from Emma Andres and Samantha Holenski. NOTL then shut out Durham 4-0 with goals from Brooklyn Clark, Holenski and

Morgan Buis, and fantastic goaltending by Avery Penner.

The girls played great all weekend, but lost 4-0 in the finals to Brockville.



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